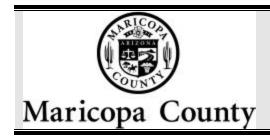


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Its 2 Fur 1 Cats at AC&C - This Weekend Only!

AC&C IS OVERWHELMED WITH HEALTHY, ADOPTABLE CATS AND KITTENS. OPEN YOUR HOME AND YOUR HEART THIS WEEKEND AND GET 2 FUR 1!

PHOENIX, August 24, 2005 - It may be the "dog days of summer," but Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (AC&C) is overwhelmed with cats and kittens. Tragically, there are simply not enough homes for the thousands of cats that come through our doors, particularly this time of year. In an effort to place more cats in happy homes, AC&C is slashing its fees this weekend and offering "2 Fur 1 Cats."

On August 27th and 28th, cat adoptions are just \$99 for <u>TWO</u> furry friends at Animal Care & Control! Take home a pair of bonded, loving adults or a pair of rambunctious, playful kittens! The adoption fee includes spay or neuter, vaccinations, a cat license, microchip and cat carrier.

Thinking about adopting a cat? Consider these cat facts:

Loving a cat every day will keep the doctor away! The health benefits of having a pet include: living longer, lower stress, and fewer heart attacks. In fact, stroking a cat can lower one's blood pressure.

No more baths! (Now that *will* lower stress.) Cats spend 30% of their waking hours grooming themselves. **Cats appreciate simple pleasures**. From flashlights to feathers, the simplest items provide hours of entertainment.

Cats have heart! Cat hearts beat twice as fast as human hearts. This means they have twice the love to share! **Raining cats and ... more cats**. There are more than 500 million domestic cats in the world, and 33 different breeds. ...And just as many reasons to adopt one! For more information, call 602-506-PETS or visit pets.maricopa.gov.

Cats can be adopted at the following locations:

West Valley (Phoenix) 2323 So. 35th Ave

Pet Adoption Center 5231 N. 35th Ave

East Valley (Mesa) 2630 W. 8th Street